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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4-19-02, 3-14-02 & 6-5-03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because legal phraseology is used in this paragraph (i.e., "comprises"). Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The claims recite a method for performing a mathematical function. The claimed invention comprises a plurality of mental steps whereby the claimed mental steps are non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the claimed method steps can be practiced mentally in conjunction with pen and paper.

However, in order for such a claimed computer-related process to be statutory, the method claims must include either a step that results: (1) in a physical transformation outside the computer, (2) in a limitation to a practical application, or (3) performed specific machine/element(s). Accordingly, claims 1-8 are clearly directed to a non-statutory process.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Fig. 1 (Prior Art) in view of Reference A1, JP 7-30373, (Applicant's admission Prior Art).

As per independent claim 1, Applicant's Fig. 1 discloses a periodic function generating circuit substantially as claimed, including: adder/accumulator elements having the unit angle U which is a mix (i.e., rational) number; however, the repeating "decimal (fractional)" is unavailable for accumulating. It is noted that Fig. 1 does not specifically detail the claimed "B and C numbers" for providing the "decimal (fraction)" C/B . Reference A1 discloses a digital device which has accumulator means (5); an integrating means (3) for accumulating the "decimal (fractional)"; and an overflow detecting means (4) [which is considered the claimed step "comparing"] for providing the correct value "1" to the accumulator (5). It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Reference A1 to Fig. 1, thereby making the claimed invention, because the proposed device is a digital device capable of accumulating the sums and correcting the accumulated result when the accumulated decimal is equal to or greater than "1" as claimed.

As per dependent claim 2, the claim adds: (1) modifying step, and (2) subtracting step. The adding "1" in the accumulator means (5) is considered the claimed modifying step. Reference A1 does disclose the equivalent "subtracting step", e.g., "[t]his compensation is performed each time deviation exceeds 1 and the correct is performed at each time, so control reaches a command at all times" (Abstract, last three line).

As per dependent claim 3, due to the similarity of claim 3 to claim 2, it is rejected under a similar rationale. It is noted that the "multiple of C is equal to or larger than the value B" [of claim 2] is the same as the "multiple of C is equal to or larger than a value MB" [of claim 3] because both " C/B " and " C/MB " are "decimal (fraction)".

As per dependent claim 4, Reference A1 discloses the claimed feature, e.g., see abstract, "so a decimal part generated each time a multiplying means 2 performs arithmetic is integrated and accumulated by an integrating means 3".

As per independent claim 5, the claim adds extracting [a value ... from a function table" step. Fig. 1 shows a "function table ROM".

Due to the similarity of claims 6-8 to claim 2-4, they are rejected under a similar rationale.

As per claims 9-18, the apparatus claims are corresponding to the method claims. Therefore, they are rejected under a similar rationale.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Cited references are art of interest.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan V. Mai whose telephone number is (703) 305-9761. The examiner can normally be reached on Tue-Fri from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki, can be reached on (703) 305-9662. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are:

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



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ABSTRACT:

PURPOSE: To enable accurate control follow-up operation by compensating digit absence of the digital filter.

CONSTITUTION: A figure shows a low-pass filter(LPF) as a primary delay digital filter. For primary delay, a current input value is added to the quantity obtained by properly multiplying the difference between a last output value and the current input value by a constant to obtain a current output. Here, digit absence is caused at the time of the constant multiplication, so a decimal part generated each time a multiplying means 2 performs arithmetic is integrated and accumulated by an integrating means 3 and when the integration result is $\geq +1$, an overflow detecting means 4 sends an output signal of $+1$ to an adding means 5. The adding means 5 adds output correction of $+1$ in addition to normal arithmetic for a digitized integer part, thereby compensating the digit absence due to digitization. This compensation is performed each time deviation exceeds 1 and the correction is performed at each time, so control reaches a command at all times.

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